

REMARKS

Reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

The 35 USC 101 rejection is traversed. There is significant difference between the claimed structure of claim 1 and claim 1 of the cited patent. Even though the limitations are cited in similar language, the words are not identical.

The double patenting rejection under 35 USC 101 is respectfully traversed and should be withdrawn.

The 35 USC 102 rejection is respectfully traversed because the Examiner cannot read the claimed structure on the reference. The claimed structure shows two air bags and Applicant has recited a suspension system for at least one air bag. It is an elimination of at least one major element. If there is going to be a rejection, it would have to be a 35 USC rejection at the very least. It is Applicant's position that the claim is allowable over the Applicant's patent.

New claim 2 has been added to further claim the instant invention.

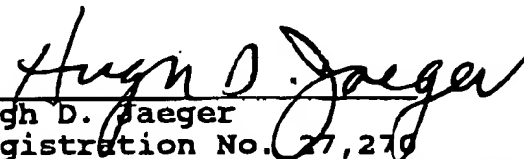
If there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the prosecution of this patent application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

Reconsideration and allowance is respectfully
requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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